



May 25, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing you regarding the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65). I represent the Communications Workers of America in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia and want to express our strong support for the merger because it will be beneficial for our members and for the nation at large.

For some time, our union has focused on the expanded broadband access this merger would bring to the United States, including AT&T's 4G LTE technology. We believe it is a priority to make available to all Americans access to faster and more reliable broadband. The benefits of such connectivity are many—including health care, education and worker productivity. As a nation, we cannot maintain our competitive edge if we have a communications system made up of haves and have-nots. This merger will bring more Americans into the technological fold and will benefit the nation.

From an employment perspective, CWA has prioritized support for the merger because it has the potential to give more than 20,000 T-Mobile employees the opportunity to choose representation in the workplace under AT&T, a sharp contrast to the hostile anti-union policies currently in place at T-Mobile. Among American companies, AT&T has the largest unionized full-time workforce and is the only union employer in the wireless industry. The company's commitment to workers is commendable and brings great economic benefit to families in the Mid-Atlantic region and across the country.

AT&T has committed to investing an additional \$8 billion to enhance its infrastructure over the next decade as a result of this merger. That kind of

investment will ensure greater employment security for existing workers and new opportunities for employment. This is the kind of private investment America needs to improve its economic standing and enable robust growth.

The merger of T-Mobile with AT&T is a win-win for workers, consumers and businesses. We hope you will act quickly to allow this transaction to go forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald D. Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent.

Ronald D. Collins, Vice President
Communication Workers of America, District 2

CC: Commissioner Michael Copps
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